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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2005 in the above-referenced application, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire March 7, 2005 and an extended statutory period set to expire April 7, 2005. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Action and submit herewith form PTO/SB/22, which authorizes the Office to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to applicants' deposit account.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of eight inventions, designated I-VIII. Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-5 and

7-17, drawn to a polypeptide fragment of an HCV helicase derived from subdomain I.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications to the presently non-elected subject matter.

If the undersigned can be of assistance to the Examiner in addressing issues to advance the application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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